

### **“Merthyr Express” 3 January 1959**

Death The death has occurred of Mr. David Yeoman of Dynevor Street. He was 24.

School Festivities Fochriw Primary School held their Christmas festivities during the week, and the scholars were entertained by the head teacher, Mr. Bryn Davies, and staff. Penybank Primary School held their annual Christmas treat during the week. They were entertained by the head, Miss Vaughan, and staff.

Festival of Wales 1958 At a recent meeting held at Pantywaun Primary School, Coun. W. J. Payne presented each pupil with a book of Welsh Folk Tales in commemoration of the Festival of Wales 1958. The tokens were purchased from a grant made by the Gellygaer Urban District Council, Festival of Wales Committee. The headmaster, Mr. W. C. Thomas, presided.

### **“Merthyr Express” 10 January 1959**

Carmel On New Year's Eve, the children were entertained to tea by the teachers. After tea, they played games, sang and recited. Each child received a gift from the Christmas tree.

Parish Church The preacher and celebrant on Sunday morning was the Archdeacon of Llandaff, the Venerable J.G. James. The preacher in the evening was Mr. John Palmer, lay reader. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

Parish Church The name of Mr. Clifford Everett, who took part in the Nativity play, was omitted last week.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting took place on Thursday, and was conducted by the young people of Noddfa. Ann Morris presided, and taking part were Jennifer Chapman, David Price, Eunice Jones, Margaret Jones, Rosemary Jones, Margaret Morris, Mary Cumpstone, Susan Thomas, Rosemary Jones and Rita Jones. The young people sang the chorus, “Speak just a word for Jesus.” The organist was Willie Edwards. Thanks were accorded the young people by the sisterhood's president, Miss Edna E. Jones, Nurse M. Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. The meeting closed in prayer led by Margaret Morris.

Appointment At a meeting at the Ambulance Hall, Bargoed, on Saturday, January 3, Divisional Superintendent T. Thomas, Fochriw Division, was appointed Corps Inspector of Stores.

Carmel A children's service was held at Carmel last Sunday. The theme of the service was “The Nativity.” The following children took part in the service: Carl Blunt, Emrys Parry, Lawrence Blunt, Robert Powell, Maldwyn Gittins, Robert Thomas, Derrick Hann, Ralph & Brian Cockram, Ian Robertson, Christopher Powell, David Jones, Margaret Shankland, Joyce Lewis, Wendy Hann, Jean Davies, Sandra Gardener, Gaynor Harding, Allison Davies, Jennifer Thomas, Barbara Robertson, Dian Robertson, Jeanette, Elaine & Teresa Kolasinski, Olive May Titcombe, Suan Kent, Mary Walding, Ann Davies, Lily Lewis, Allison Evans, Sonia Dummett, Janet Hann, Carol Powell, Lynne Gadsby, Marilyn Jones, Elaine Dallimore, Audrey Davies, Nurse Mimi Lewis, Miss Margaret Shankland, Miss Wendy Hann, Sandra Gardener, Master Ralph Cockram. The conductor and producer was Miss Maria Jones. The accompanist was Miss Jean Davies, aged 12. On Christmas morning there was a Carol Service for children. Miss M. Jones gave a suitable reading, and Miss Margaret Shankland led in prayer. The choir sang carols and the following also took part: Anne Davies, Chris Powell, Carol Powell, Lynne Gadsby, Lily Lewis, Allison Evans, Marilyn Walding, Jeanette Hann, Mary Walding, Robert Thomas, Ralph Cockram, Diane Robertson, Sonia Dummett, Alvine Kolasinski. The conductor was Miss Maria Jones. The accompanist was Miss Jean Davies.

Late Mrs. Bella Harris The death has occurred at the age of 77 years of Mrs. Bella Harris, widow of Mr. David Harris, 27, Martins Street. Mrs. Harris had lived in the village most of her life, and was a member of Noddfa Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. The officiating minister was Rev. T.J. Jones. The mourners were Messrs. L. Harris (son); W. James (son-in-law); D. Lewis, T. Lewis, G. Owen, T. Cockrane, D. Jones, G. Jones, P. Evans, G. Parry, D. Parry, C. Parry (nephews); J. Beddoe, P. Williams, D. Williams (friends). The bearers were Messrs. A.H. Wood, P. Jenkins, J. Davies, R. Dummett,

J.E. Edwards, E. Jones, L. Coggan, P. Sharp, P. Iles, J. Williams, J. Davies, L. Denner. At the house were Mesdames R. James (daughter); M. Harris (daughter-in-law); H. Cumpstone, C. Way, R. Shankland, E. Lewis, M. Jones, A. Parry (cousins); H. Beddoe, B. Davies, O. Denner, R. Davies, A. Jones.

**“Merthyr Express” 17 January 1959**

Dr Barnardos Letters have been received from the matron of Dr. Barnados Homes, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff, and also, Rev. J. A. James, organiser, thanking all for the gifts contributed - garments, gloves, books, etc. Thanks too to Mr. D. Jenkins, ex-headmaster, who delivered the parcel to the Home in Cardiff.

**“Merthyr Express” 24 January 1959**

Parish Church At the morning service on Sunday, the preacher was the Vicar of Pontlottyn, and at the evening service, Coun. W.J. Payne. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

New Superintendent At a Brigade meeting held at Brigade Headquarters on Sunday, January 11, 1959, Pte. Ivor Morgan was appointed Divisional Superintendent of the Fochriw Ambulance Division.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday. The president, Miss Edna Jones, read a lesson, and Nurse M. Jones led in prayer. The address was given by

**“Merthyr Express” 7 February 1959**

Death Mr. Evan Jones has died at the age of 79. Mr. Jones was connected with many movements in the village, and was a stalwart of the Labour movement.

Parish Church On Sunday morning, the preacher was the Venerable Archdeacon of Llandaff. In the evening Coun. Payne was the preacher.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday, Miss E. E. Jones presiding. Mrs. E. P. Lewis took the reading, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. Mrs. E. P. Lewis gave the address and she was thanked by Mrs. D. Jones and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

**“Merthyr Express” 14 February 1959**

Ward Meeting On Thursday evening at the New Hall, a Ward Labour Party meeting was presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne, who made reference to the death of Mr. Evan James of Pantywaun, who had been a faithful stalwart of the movement.

Secretary Ill Coun. Poyntz gave a report on Council matters when the secretary, Mr. Frank Jenkins, was unable to attend owing to illness. All wished him a speedy recovery, and were pleased to see Mr. Sam Lewis, J.P., present.

Parish Church On Sunday morning, the preacher was the Rev. Jenkins, Cardiff. At the evening service the preacher was the Rev. Arthur Williams, Caerphilly. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

**“Merthyr Express” 21 February 1959**

Parish Church The Ven. Archdeacon of Llandaff was the preacher on Sunday morning. In the evening, Mr. John Palmer preached, and Coun. Payne read the lessons.

**“Merthyr Express” 28 February 1959**

M.Ps. Visit The Rt. Hon. Ness Edwards, M.P., attended a meeting at the New Hall on Sunday afternoon, to discuss the sale of freeholds of the Fochriw Estate. Coun. W.J. Payne was in the chair. Mr. Edwards dealt with the matter at length and answered questions. It was decided to set up a committee to deal with the matter, and to call a further meeting. Mr. Dan Jenkins was appointed secretary, and the committee consists of Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. Bryn Davies, C. Abbey, Ray Clarke, Glyn Thomas, J.L.I. Jones, Jack Jones, Arthur Cumpstone and Francis Thomas.

**“Merthyr Express” 7 March 1959**

Noddfa Sisterhood The weekly meeting was held on Thursday when Nurse Mimi Lewis presided, and led in prayer. Mrs. Lena Wright read a portion of Scripture. An address was given by Miss Gretta Evans. She was thanked by Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Mrs. Esther Jones Mrs. E. Jones, Martin Street, who had lived all her life in the village, has died aged 72. She was the widow of Mr. Evan Jones. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, and was a very representative one. The minister of Nazareth, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were Elwyn, Gethin, Edryd & Garnant (sons); Delfryn & Dorian (grandsons); David Isaac Evans (brother); Islwyn Jones, Graham Jones (sons-in-law); John Evans, Rod Evans, Will Evans, Jack Jones, Will, John & David Ballard, Bedford, Mel & Trevor Edwards, F.A. Golden Hann, Ken & Tommy Wheelan, John Jones & C. Jones, Deri. At the house were Iris & Betty Jones (daughters); Gwladys (daughter-in-law); Nellie Evans (sister-in-law); M.M. Davies, Esther Thomas, Eliza Evans (nieces); A. Jones, B. Davies. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

New Vicar The Rev. Evan Sedgemore, Blaengarw, has been appointed Vicar of Fochriw and Deri. The Institution and Induction will take place at the Parish Church on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 p.m..

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 March 1959**

Death Mrs. Mary Evans, a former resident of Fochriw, now living in Port Talbot, has died at the age of 84. Mrs.. Evans was the widow of Mr.. Samuel Evans. The funeral was at Pentwyn on Saturday.

Parish Church The preacher at the morning service on Sunday was the Rev. A. Williams, Caerphilly. In the evening, Coun. Payne preached.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 March 1959**

Babcock - Golding Mr. John Babcock of Cwm, Ebbw Vale, and Miss Hazel Golding of Fochriw, were married at Penybanc Chapel on Saturday.

Davies - Bevan Last Saturday, at Bethel Chapel, Bedlinog, the wedding took place of Mr.. William J. Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Davies, 12, Guest Street, Fochriw, and Miss Rena Bevan, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. D. J. Bevan, of Bedlinog. Pastor D. Thomas, Fochriw, officiated. The bride was given away by Mr. Leslie Jenkins. She wore a ballerina length gown of white lace, and her shoulder length veil was held in place by a pearl studded coronet. She carried an ivory prayer book. Her spray was of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Ann Bevan, the bride's sister, who wore a ballerina length gown of blue nylon, and Miss Kay Jones, the bride's cousin, who wore a ballerina length gown of lemon nylon. Both wore white floral head-dresses. They carried posies of mixed tulips. The best man was Mr.. M. D. Thomas, the groom's brother-in-law, and the groomsman was Mr. W. Blunt.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 March 1959**

New Vicar of Fochriw The institution and induction of the Rev. Evan Sedgemore as Vicar of Fochriw and Deri took place at the Parish Church of St. Mary on Thursday. The church was crowded. Many had come from his old parish of Blaengarw. Present was the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, the Archdeacon of Llandaff, the Rural Dean of Caerphilly Deanery, with the Registrar, and 30 clergymen, robed, from the Deanery and other places, along with the churchwardens, Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. John Owen, and Mr. Hopkin Lewis, J.P., chairman of the Council. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones, Pontlottyn. The new incumbent was presented to the Bishop by churchwarden W. J. Payne, after which the service of Institution was performed by the Bishop. The service of induction was performed by the Archdeacon. The address by the Lord Bishop was most inspiring. After the service, tea was provided at the New Hall by the ladies of the church. The Rev. Evan Sedgemore, his wife and children, received the good wishes of the parishioners for a very happy ministry.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 4 April 1959**

Letter of Thanks Mrs. B. Morgan, Tegfan House, Fochriw, organiser of the recent house-to-house collection for the National Children's Home and Orphanage has received a letter from the Home and Orphanage secretary, thanking her for the gift of £9 5s, the result of the collection. The services of all kind friends in Fochriw have been a direct means of helping the boys and girls of the Home.

Death of Villagers The deaths have occurred of some old and highly respected inhabitants of the village, namely Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest Street; Mr. John Bibby, Plantation Street

and Mr. Gwilym Thomas of London, late of Fochriw. Both will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Parish Church Services were held on Good Friday and Easter Day. On Sunday morning, the preacher and celebrant was the Vicar, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore, who also preached in the evening. The evening lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne and the organist was Miss Maureen Ralph, Pantywaun.

United Free Churches Meetings were held at Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Good Friday. A prayer meeting was held in the morning, presided over by Rev. T.J. Jones, Noddfa, when the organist was Mr. T. Walters, Carmel. In the evening, a sermon was given by a guest preacher, Rev. H. Godfrey Jones, B.A., B.D., Ystrad Mynach. The president and organist was Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth.

Easter Services The members of Noddfa and Nazareth Chapels held united singing services at Nazareth in Sunday. The morning service was for children and they sang hymns which were conducted by Miss Edna E. Jones. Mr. W.A. Davies presided. Lorraine Davies read a portion of Scripture and Gwyneira Gittoes led in prayer. A solo by Susan Thomas followed, and a recitation was given by Rita Jones. At the evening service, Mr. T.J. Jones was the president, and he also led in prayer. Scripture was read by Mrs. Doris Jones and the conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies. Miss Mary Cumpstone gave a recitation, and solos were sung by Miss Rosemary Jones, and Mr. Griff Morris of Colwyn Bay, a former member of Nazareth Chapel. Mr. Davies presented a bouquet to Mrs. Annie Pugh, a faithful member of Nazareth, on the occasion of her eighty-first birthday. The organist at both services was Mr. W. Edwards.

Late Mr. G. Thomas The funeral of Mr. Gwilym Thomas, late of Aelybryn, Fochriw, who died at his home, 40, Stockwell Park Road, Brixton, London, S.W.9, aged 83, took place on Thursday at Lambeth Crematorium, Tooting. Mr. Thomas was born at Dowlais, and until he moved to London in 1951, he had spent most of his life at Fochriw. He had been a faithful member of Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel, and had been its financial secretary for many years. He was at one time secretary of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir. The Rev. E. Tibbott, Vicar of St. Michaels's, Stockwell (son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Tibbott, Pantywaun), officiated, and the mourners were: Vera (wife); Nehemiah (son); Kenneth J. Downing (brother-in-law); Miss H. Armstrong (friend). At the house were: Nesta (daughter-in-law); Glenys (sister-in-law); Mesdames D. Morse and E. Kustorum. Bearers were friends of the family.

Late Mr. T. Thomas The funeral of Mr. T. Thomas, 29, Guest Street, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Pastor D. Thomas officiated. Mr. Thomas was 85 years of age. Mourners were: Messrs. Norman Thomas (son); Harry Greenhall and Stan Russell (sons-in-law); D. Greenhall (grandson); Vivian Powell (brother-in-law); John Rees, David Thomas, Johnny Slimmons, Wm. John, Gilbert & George Coleman, Vernon Davies, David Price, Bernard Lynch, Leslie Russell, Walter Rawlings. The bearers were Messrs. Howell Lewis, Burkley Davies, John Gwyn Gittins, Reggie Gittoes, Stanley Watkins. At the house were: Elaine, Gretta and Cissie (daughters); Rosaling & Nesta (grand-daughters); Mesdames Phyllis Jones and Beatrice Powell, Mrs. Coleman, Nantyglo, and Mrs. Davies, Pencerdd. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

#### **“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1959**

Road Improved Open-cast mining at Pantywaun, near Fochriw, is to result in an improvement in the roadway leading to the township. The Gellygaer Urban Council met last week, and the Surveyor reported that the open-cast executive of the Coal Board had agreed to construct mass concrete haunches along both sides of the approach road for nearly three-quarters of a mile, and to lay four inches of macadam over the carriageway for a width of 14 feet. “The whole of these works would be maintained by the Board's contractors during the period of the contract, and any defects made good prior to handing the road over to the Council on completion of the contract.”

Late Mr. T. Thomas Mr. John Ballard was one of the bearers at the funeral of Mr. T. Thomas. Floral tributes were also received from Vivian, Beatrice and Phyllis.

Mothers' Union The first meeting since the coming of the new Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore to the Parish, was held at St. Mary's on Monday evening. The Vicar addressed the well-attended meeting. Officers appointed were: enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore; secretary, Mrs. L. Lawrence; treasurer, Mrs. Palmer. It was decided to attend the Deanery Festival at Llandaff Cathedral.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. The reading was taken by Mrs. J. Sheen and Nurse M. Lewis led in prayer. An address was given by Miss Turner of Trelewis. Thanks were accorded by Nurse Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

Late Mr. J. Bibby The funeral of Mr. John Bibby, 12, Plantation Terrace, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. E. Sedgemore officiated. Bearers were Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Tudor Evans, Ken Evans, John G. Gittins, George Powell, Leslie Mantle. Mourners were Messrs. Will Bibby (brother); Fred Edwards (brother-in-law); Steve, Sid, John and Ronald Jones, Ron Bradley, Gwyn & Malcolm Mantle, David James (nephews); John Rees Thomas, Thos, C. Davies, Walter Jones, Geo, Mantle, Will Bradley, Will Lewis, Mervyn Hughes, Tommy Baker, Norman Withers, Nich Cumpstone. At the house were Agnes (sister); Elsie, Lizzie, Gwladys, Ethel, Gwyneth, Mary, Margaret (nieces). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

#### **“Merthyr Express” 2 May 1959**

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The reading was given by Mrs. W. Pope of Dowlais, who also gave the address. Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. Mrs. Pope was thanked by Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with prayer.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1959**

Festival Visit The members of the Mothers' Union of St. Mary's and St. Peter's, went to Llandaff Cathedral to take part in the Festival. Over 60 members attended, accompanied by their enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore, and the Vicar. The members later went to Penarth, and spent a few hours at the seaside.

Piano Success At the examination of the London College of Music held recently at Cardiff, Susan, daughter of Nurse P. Thomas, and the late D.J. Thomas, 20, Brook Row, was successful in gaining 100% pass in step 2, pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., Station Terrace.

Successes in Music At the April examination of the London College of Music, the following pupils of Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., were successful in passing their examination: Grade 2, Elementary Pianoforte, Janet Bowen, “Glanyrafon,” Pontlottyn – Honours; Junior Grade, Susan Thomas, 200, Brook Row, 1<sup>st</sup> Class; Rosemary Tippett, Pontlottyn, 1<sup>st</sup> Class; Preparatory Grade, Ruth Browning, Pontlottyn, 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

Jumble Sale This was held at the New Hall on Saturday. As a result of the sale, £40 was made for the annual O.A.P. outing to Porthcawl in July. Gifts of clothing, food and money came from Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank. The raffle box of chocolates was won by Phyllis Watkins, Heol-y-bryn, and the food parcel by Mr. Wilton, Guest Street.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 May 1959**

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last week, when the president was Miss Edna E. Jones. The speaker was Mrs. Adams of Bargoed. The reading was taken by Nurse Lewis. Mrs. G. Evans led in prayer and thanked the speaker. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Ward Meeting Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a Labour Party ward meeting at the New Hall on Thursday evening. Mrs. Gwyneth Yeoman, a member of the Divisional Health Committee, gave a report on its activities. She was thanked. Coun. Ewart Davies reported on Council activities, and a number of persons were accepted into the party.

Parish Church On Ascension Day, a special service was held and this was attended by children from various schools. The Vicar gave an address and Mr. N. Palmer was the organist.

Death of Old Inhabitant The death has occurred of Mrs. Martha James of Martins Street. She was the wife of the late Mr. Daniel James, who was a well known St. John Ambulance Officer.

**“Merthyr Express” 23 May 1959**

Late Mr. C. E. Gillard Mr. Charles Earnest Gillard, 10, Stoney Houses, Penybank, has died at Llandough Hospital at the age of 54. The private funeral took place on Wednesday week at Glyntaff Crematorium, Pontypridd, and the ashes were later interred at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery, Bargoed. The Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiated. Mourners were: Mr. Ernest Gillard (son); Mr. H. Parton (father-in-law); Messrs. Arthur Shiers, Aubrey Lawrence, Ron Davies (sons-in-law); Arthur & Ernest Gillard (brothers); Reg Faulkner, W. Bayliss, James Keegan, Frank Parton, Charles Chatfield (brothers-in-law), At the house were: Iris (wife); Patricia, Jean, Linda (daughters); Mary (daughter-in-law); Mrs. M. Gillard (mother); Mrs. Parton (mother-in-law); Nilda, May, Barbara (sisters); Kit, Jenny, Madge, Audrey (sisters-in-law); Mesdames E. Davy, May Cogan & M. Cogan. The bearers were Messrs. V. Cogan, D. Morgan, T. Morgan, T. Jenkins, C. Williams, L. Townsend.

Late Mrs. Martha James The death has occurred of Mrs. Martha James, wife of the late Mr. Daniel M. James, 14, Martin Street. She was 65. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. J. Jones officiated, assisted at the house by the Rev. Sedgemore. The mourners were: Mr. James David (grandson); Thomas J. Thomas, William, John Ivor Ballard (cousins); A. Thomas, John Elwyn Jones, Edryd Jones, Islwyn Jones, Grayham Jones (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. Maggie May Davies (daughter); Esther & Eirwen Thomas (sisters); Nellie Evans, Iris Jones, Betty Jones, Eliza Evans, Edie, Miriam, Gana (cousins); also friends and neighbours.

**“Merthyr Express” 30 May 1959**

Late Mr. W.H. Parry The death has taken place of a well-known St. John Ambulance worker, Mr. Willie Parry, Dynevor Street. He held the rank of divisional treasurer in the Order of St. John.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Jones, Merthyr, took the readings and Nurse Lewis led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. Richards, Merthyr, and she was thanked by Nurse Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Whitsun Tea On Tuesday, the children of the Parish Church Sunday School were entertained to an excellent tea. The tables were laid with a variety of good things. The trayholders were: Miss R. Davies, Miss O.M. Payne, Miss Betty Fox, Mrs. S. Davies, Miss Lorna Rees, with the Vicar, Mrs. Sedgemore, Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. John Palmer. After tea, the Vicar and churchwarden addressed the children. The rest of the evening was taken up with competitions and games.

**“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1959**

Three-Storey Blocks of Flats For Pontlottyn and Fochriw Gellugaer Urban Council wants to build three-storey flats costing £100,000 at Pontlottyn and Fochriw. The flats, which would give a ‘city-look’ to some of the oldest townships in the Rhymney Valley, would provide 55 dwellings - 33 at Pontlottyn and 22 at Fochriw. The Clerk of the Authority said that the Council was now seeking official approval of the tenders and design. It is intended that the flats at Pontlottyn, for which the Council has accepted at tender of £57,243 - excluding the cost of roads and sewers - will be built on the re-development area, and that those at Fochriw - a tender of £42,477 has been accepted - will be erected at Brook Row. The Clerk said that included in the cost of the flats at Fochriw was provision for two shops, and roads and sewers to the building.

Late Mr. W.H. Parry The funeral of Mr. W.H. Parry, 9, Dynevor Street, took place on Saturday at Graig-y-Fargoed Cemetery. A native of Fochriw, he was divisional treasurer of the St. John Ambulance. The Rev. Alwyn Thomas, Moriah, Bedlinog, officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners: Emrys (son); E.J. & D.G. Parry (brothers); W. Cheeke (uncle); T. Yeoman, E.R. Roberts, C.R. Morgan, L. Watson, G. Brown (brothers-in-law). At the house were: Mrs. M.O. Parry (wife); Mrs. G. Yeoman (sister); Mrs. A. Parry, G. Parry, E.A.

Roberts, M. Roberts, C. Morgan, M. Watson, B. Roberts (sisters-in-law). Many cousins, aunts, nieces and nephews attended, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade was strongly represented.

Late Mr. B. Pollock The funeral of the late Mr. Bernard Pollock, 4. Dynevor Street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Her had live in the village for the last 24 years, and was employed by the Gellygaer Omnibus Department. The Rev. Father Lawlor, Rhymney, officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. D. Greavey (son-in-law); J. Pollock (brother); D. Brown (uncle); G. Davies (brother-in-law), and many other relatives and friends. At the house were Doreen (wife); Pat Greavey (daughter); Hannah James, Annie Brown, Mary Brown (sisters), and other relatives and friends. Bearers were T. Jarrett, D. Waltham, G. Curran, J. Jones, D. Rowlands, F. Aston, D. Higgs and D. Williams. There were many floral tributes.

Mothers' Union A service was held at the Parish Church on Monday evening. The Vicar addressed the gathering.

Freehold Movement At the New Hall on Sunday, a meeting in connection with the purchasing of freeholds was held. In the absence of the chairman, Coun. Payne, the chair was taken by Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., and the Rt. Hon, Ness Edwards, M.P., gave an explanation of how the new terms will affect intending purchasers.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 13 June 1959**

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the Sisterhood. The scripture reading was taken by Mr. D. Edwards and prayer was offered by Mrs. M. Mitchell. Mrs. E. Hiscox, Abertyswg, gave an excellent address. Thanks were accorded by Miss Jones, Mrs. Mitchell and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1959**

Sunday School Outing The annual Sunday School outings took place on Saturday, when the children and parents of the various churches went to Barry Island.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 22 August 1959**

Presentation to Mrs. Edith Evans At the New Hall, a presentation of a clock was made to Mrs.. Edith Evans, widow of the Rev. Evan Adams Evans, B.A., late Vicar of Fochriw and Deri, to mark the deep respect with which she was held in the parish. Prior to the presentation, a tea was held. The members of the Mothers' Union and church friends were the hostesses. A number from Deri were also present. The new vicar presided over the presentation meeting. He praised the late vicar's work in the parish for the past 20 years, and rendered the sympathy of all to Mrs. Evans and family at their great loss. Coun. W. J. Payne made the presentation to Mrs. Evans, and he spoke of the late Vicar's splendid qualities, and of the good work she had done in the parish. Mrs. Evans said she would always remember their kindness and the happy years spent amongst them. Mrs. Rouse, her daughter, also thanked the people for their kindness. Many other speakers from Fochriw and Deri paid tribute.

Football All sportsmen in the village are anxiously waiting for the reforming of the soccer team in the village. If no soccer, why not the game that was famous in the village many years ago - rugby?

#### **“Merthyr Express” 5 September 1959**

Wedding: Morse-Hughes The wedding took place at the Assembly of God Church, Penybank, of Mr. James Carey Morse and Miss Pamela Hughes, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wyndham Hughes, 17, Martin-street, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of flocked nylon. Her full-length veil was held in place by a coronet of pearls, and she carried a bouquet of red roses. The bride was attended by Mrs. E. Hughes, her sister-in-law, and Miss Myra Jones, her cousin. Both wore full-length blue net gowns and flowered head-dresses and carried pink carnations. The two young bridesmaids were Miss Valmai Love, sister of the groom, and Miss Meryl Hughes, cousin of the bride. They wore full-length pink nylon dresses, pink head-dresses and carried muffs of pink nylon with a spray of sweet peas attached. The flower girl, Miss Gwyneth Jones, niece

of the groom, was dressed in a white nylon dress, white head-dress, and carried a white nylon muff with red roses attached. The Rev. Selwyn Hughes, Colchester, brother of the bride, officiated at the service, assisted by Pastor W. Griffiths. The best man was Mr. David Cecil Jones, and the groomsmen were Mr. Geoffrey Uzzell and Mr. Albert Evans. The organist was Pastor David Thomas of Fochriw. After the reception at the Hanbury Hotel, Bargoed, the couple left for a honeymoon in Torquay, the bride wearing a green costume with beige accessories.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 12 September 1959**

Noddfa Sisterhood The first meeting after the summer holiday break was held last Thursday. The speaker was Nurse Mimi Lewis. The officers were re-elected as follows: president, Miss Edna E. Jones; vice president, Nurse M. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Edith P. Lewis; secretary, Mrs. Gwenda Pearce.

O.A.P. Supporters Committee The Committee gave a tea for their chairman, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, on her 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. M. Davies, aged 83, presented her with a bouquet on behalf of the committee. Mrs. M. Lewis proposed a toast. The Committee also welcomed four new members: Mrs. S. Gittens, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Gillard and Mrs. N. Dummett.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1959**

Ward Meeting A Labour Party Ward meeting was held at the New Hall, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding. The chairman dealt with the forthcoming General Election, and said that he hoped every member would play his part and not let apathy set in. He also gave a detailed report on Council activities, and answered several questions. Several new members were enrolled. Also present was Mr. Tom Morgan, Deri, treasurer; Mrs. E. Rowlands, local secretary; Mr. Elwyn Morgan, secretary, and ex-Councillor S. Lewis, J.P.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 September 1959**

Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruit and flowers. The celebrant and preacher on Sunday was the Vicar. In the evening Coun. W.J. Payne preached. On Monday evening, the Rev. Roberts, Pontlottyn preached. The organist was Miss Maureen Ralph.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 3 October 1959**

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last. The devotions were taken by Mrs. L. Cook, Deri, and the speaker was Mrs. E. Thomas, Pontlottyn, who was thanked by Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Choirmaster Dies The death has occurred of Mr. Rufus Wood, Pengam. A very keen Ambulance man, he was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Wood. He was a well-known choirmaster at the old Pentwyn Church.

Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The church was decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The preacher and celebrant on Sunday morning was the Vicar. The preacher in the evening was the Rev. Islwyn Jenkins, Cardiff. On Monday evening, the preacher was the Archdeacon of Llandaff, with the Vicar and Mr. John Palmer taking the service and Coun. Payne reading the lesson. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 10 October 1959**

Fined Thomas J. Williams, aged 21, a collier of Pentwyn, was fined £1 for carrying an unqualified driver on a motor cycle, when a holder of a provisional license. His passenger, William Tyler, aged 30, also a collier, was fined £1 for aiding and abetting Williams in the offence.

Sisterhood A harvest festival meeting was held on Thursday last. The vestry was decorated with fruit and vegetables. The reading was taken by Mrs. May Davies, and the prayer by Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. M. A. Lewis gave an address, and she was thanked by Mrs. L. Cook, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. D. Edwards.

Labour Meeting A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, Coun. Payne presiding. The Rt. Hon. Ness Edwards gave an address and answered questions. He was followed by



Coun. Hopkin Lewis, and County Councillor W. J. Kedward, J.P., O.B.E. Present were Coun. Howard Edwards, assistant organiser, and Mr. Frank Jenkins, Ward secretary.

**“Merthyr Express” 17 October 1959**

85 Years Old Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, 2, Glyn Terrace, wife of the late Mr. John Lawrence, celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday. She is a native of Fochriw, and is a staunch Churchwoman. She can read and sew without any difficulty, and is an active walker. To mark the occasion of her birthday, tea was held at the home of her son, Mr. Jack Lawrence, 10, Glyn Terrace. Among those present were her three sons, Jack, Trevor and Gordon, with their wives and children, Coun. W. J. Payne, her brother, and his daughter Olive. The Rev. J. C. Payne, retired vicar, was unable to be present. Mrs. Lawrence was the recipient of many presents and numerous birthday cards.

Carmel Chapel A harvest service was held on Sunday. The address was given by the Rev. R. T. Gregory, Cardiff, and the president was Alison Davies. Taking part were Lawrence Blunt and Alison Evans, Bargoed. Harvest hymns were sung by the Sunday School scholars and the organist was Mr. T. Walters.

Harvest Thanksgiving The Fochriw Free Church Council held services at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday evening. Mrs. D. Jones conducted the Monday prayer meeting, and on Tuesday evening, the special preacher was the Rev. G. J. Harris, Ystrad Mynach. The service was conducted by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, and the organist was Mr. W. A. Davies.

**“Merthyr Express” 24 October 1959**

Noddfa Sisterhood Nurse Lewis presided at the meeting last Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. The address was given by Mrs. Evans of Merthyr and she was thanked by Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

**“Merthyr Express” 7 November 1959**

Ladies Make your appointment for the latest hair styles at “Ann’s” 32, New Road, Deri.

Late Mrs. E. Hewins The death has taken place after a long illness of Mrs. E. A. Hewins, 2, Dynevor-street, an old inhabitant of the village.

Gift Day The Rev. Evan Sedgemore, Vicar, received the gifts of the people on Friday. It was a splendid response for which he wishes to thank all. The church is undergoing extensive repairs and an electric blower for the organ has been installed.

Carmel The special yearly services were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. T. Pugh Jarman, New Quay, Cardigan. The organist was Mr. T. Walters.

Parish Church The preacher and celebrant on All Saints Day was the Vicar. Coun. Payne read the lessons.

Sisterhood On Thursday, the Sisterhood were visited by the Sisterhood of Glanynant, Pengam, who took the service. They were thanked by Nurse Lewis, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. S. G. Parry. Refreshments were served.

Late Miss C. Jones The death has taken place of Miss Catherine Jones, 4, Brynteg-street, at the age of 81. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and was associated with good works. The funeral took place on Monday. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Eurof Jones, late minister of Carmel, assisted by the Vicar. The cortege then proceeded to Glyntaff Crematorium where the Rev. Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. C. Cook, W. Edwards, T. Baker & T. Evans. The mourners were Messrs. J. C., W. H. & F. J. Jenkins (nephews); Terence Jenkins, W. Williams, Machen, Tom Evans, Caerleon. At the house: Mr. Frank Jenkins, Mrs. A. M. Jenkins (nephew and niece); Audrey, Winnie & Rosemary Jenkins, Polly Evans, Dowlais, Grace Edwards, Elsie Rees, M. A. Lewis, Mr. D. Jenkins, S. Lewis, J. P., Coun. W. J. Payne, T. Walters, W. Lewis, J. Lawrence, O. Lawrence, J. Evand, J. Evans, G. Davies, Wyn Davies, Gomer Davies, M. Evans, S. Wright. R. Parry, S. Ballard, D. Evans, D. Lewis, R. Rees.

**“Merthyr Express” 14 November 1959**

Late Mrs. E. A. Hewins The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Hewins took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. She was 48 years of age, and was a native of the village. The

officiating minister was Pastor David Thomas. The bearers were Messrs. S. H. Davies, D. A. Lewis, D. C. Jones, D. Ballard, W. Hughes. The mourners were: Will (husband); David (son); Will & David Lewis Evans (brothers); Desmond Kelly, Oliver Evans, Tom Owen (nephews); O. Hewins (brother-in-law); Ben Evans, Walter Jones (uncles); Lewis Evans, Charles & W. H. Edwards, Jack & Rod Jones, W. M. Evans, Trevor & Glyn Davies, Edryd Jones, W. & R. Davey, Tom Sullivan, J. Jones, W. Smith and W. Morgan (cousins); Stan Griffiths, H. Greening. At the house were: Joan & Jean Owen, Eirwen & Marion (nieces); Mildred, Blod & Violet (sisters-in-law); Esther, Phyllis, Mary, Janet, Blod, Margaret (Bargoed) & Sarah (cousins); Rachel Williams & Veronica.

Omission In the funeral report of Mrs. Catherine Jones last week, the name of Mr. T. J. Jones was omitted.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 November 1959**

For The Blind A house-to-house collection for the blind held at Fochriw realised the sum of £14 9s 10d. The organiser was Mrs. R. S. E. Sedgemore, who wishes to thank the collectors and the public. The collectors were Messrs. W. K. Evans, M. Pritchard, E. L. Rees, M. E. Palmer, L. Lawrence, M. Coggan, T. Gillard, G. M. Lawrence, E. Fox.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held last Thursday when they were entertained by members of Tabernacle Chapel, Deri. The president was Mr. D. Llewellyn and the devotions were taken by Mr. G. Jones and Nurse M. Lewis. The speaker was Mr. Love. Mr. Llewellyn gave a solo, and Mr. C. Walker gave a recitation. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Mitchell and Nurse M. Lewis. The organiser was Mrs. D. Edwards.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 November 1959**

St. John Ambulance Meeting In Fochriw At a meeting of the Brigade at the New Hall last Saturday, Coun. W. J. Payne traced ambulance work in the village for many years. He also referred to the recent death of a faithful member, Mr. William Parry (divisional treasurer), and said he hoped the young candidates present would follow in the steps of older members. After the address, Coun. Payne, who is divisional president of the Fochriw section, presented certificates to the vice-presidents, Mr. D. J. Lewis (manager of the Ogilvie Colliery) and Mr. John Llewellyn. Also present were Mr. John H. Jones of Bargoed (Supt. Riches Corps) and Mrs. Jones (Deri Lady Corps Supt. Nursing Section), and Mr. Calvin Quick (Bargoed Corps Supt.). Mr. J. H. Jones presented Mr. T. Thomas, as corps officer, and Mr. Ivor Morgan, as divisional superintendent. The vice-president, Mr. John Llewellyn, presented labels for 1959 to Mr. Ivor Morgan (Supt.), Mr. S. M. Jones (secretary), Mr. T. Thomas, Mr. T. J. James, Mr. I. Jenkins, Mr. R. Southward, Mr. J. Jones (div. Treasurer), and Mr. V. Llewellyn. Mrs. Jones presented Emrys Parry, son of the late Mr. Wm. Parry (div. Treasurer), with his father's medallion and 1959 Label; Mr. S. M. James with the first bar to his long service medal; Mr. J. Jones with the divisional treasurer's certificate; and Corps Officer T. Thomas with his fourth bar. Mr. J. H. Jones and Mrs. T. Jones spoke in favour of starting a ladies nursing club, and other speakers were the Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore, Mr. I. Llewellyn, Mr. C. Quick (Corps Supt.) and Mr. I. Evans. Mr. Thomas moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped and given their services, and the meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology by Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. Before the meeting, a tea was provided by Mrs. M. Withers and friends. The secretarial duties relating to the evening were carried out by Mrs. S. L. James.

Confirmation On Wednesday evening of last week at the Parish Church, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff confirmed 45 candidates who had been prepared by the vicar, who was also the Bishop's Chaplain for the service, assisted by Mr. John Palmer. The organist was Mrs. E. Morgan. The choir was augmented by the Deri choir. Tea was provided after the service in the New Hall.

Labour Party Coun. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting in the New Hall on Thursday last. The chairman referred to the sudden death of Mrs. Morgan, wife of the Deri secretary, to the accident to their ward secretary, Mr. Frank Jenkins, and welcomed their former secretary,

Mrs. H. Farley, who is now on a visit to Fochriw. Coun. Payne was unanimously re-elected as candidate for the next election. The chairman gave the report of council activities.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 5 December 1959**

Lecture An interesting lecture entitled “Rhymney Roundabout,” was given by Rev. I. Jenkins, M.A., at the Parish Church, Fochriw, on Thursday evening. He dealt with his subject in a masterly way giving the history of the Rhymney Valley from the early period to the present day. The lecturer was thanked by Coun. Payne and Mr. John Palmer.

Fined An eighteen year old youth, Clive Borstal of Heol-y-Bryn, Fochriw, who was discovered gaming with cards with two juveniles in Bute Terrace, Pontlottyn, on September 27<sup>th</sup> was fined £2.

Dog Bite An 84 year old undertaker, Ernest E. Cumpstone of The Villas, Fochriw, was ordered to keep his black and white sheep dog under control and to pay 9/- costs. Thomas David Evans of Pontlottyn said in evidence that he was walking behind Cumpstone’s house on September 27<sup>th</sup> when the dog jumped from the doorway and bit him on the calf. P.C. Southall that Evans reported the incident, and he saw that there was a slight tear in the left calf of Evans’ trousers, and there were two small wounds on his leg.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 12 December 1959**

Christmas Fayre On Saturday at the New Hall, a very successful Fayre was held in aid of Church funds. The ladies of the church had worked hard for many months preparing for the sale. The secretary was Mrs. Lilian Lawrence, with Mrs. Arthur Palamer, treasurer. The Fayre was opened by Mrs. Kathleen Lewis, The Vicarage, Bargoed, who was accompanied by her husband, Rev. Edward Lewis, vicar of Bargoed. Also present was Mrs. Winifred Evans, wife of the late Rev. Samuel Evans, the first vicar of the parish of Fochriw and Deri. A happy event during the course of the afternoon was the arrival of Father Christmas, laden with presents. The ladies at stalls and refreshments had a very busy time and a substantial sum was realised. The men also had worked hard. The Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore thanked all who had worked so well and had given donations and gifts for the stalls.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 19 December 1959**

Fochriw Bride: Williams - Price The marriage took place on Saturday at Cardiff Register Office, of Mr. Fred Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Williams, 22, Bedlinog Terrace, Bedlinog, and Miss Ann Price, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Price, 5, Pit Row, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length gown of white tulle over a taffeta underskirt. Her short veil was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls, and she carried a prayer book and a spray of carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss Jeanette Gittins, Miss Kay Price and Miss Mair Price, wore ballarina-length gowns of pink lace trimmed with velvet, over taffeta underskirts, with matching pink head-dresses. They carried posies of carnations and freesias. The best man was Mr. Colin Williams. The reception was held at the Railway Hotel, Bedlinog.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 December 1959**

Welfare Association On Friday evening, a meeting of the Association was held at the New Hall. Coun. W.J. Payne presided and wished all a very happy Christmas, and reported that Mr. Frank Jenkins, treasurer, was making a splendid recovery. All wished him well. Correspondence included the resignation of the caretaker, Mr. C. Edwards. It was decided that Mr. W. Ballard should be appointed in his place.

Noddfa Sisterhood A Christmas meeting was held on Thursday evening. Taking part were Mrs. E.P. Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. Duets were sung by Nurse Lewis and Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. S.G. Parry and Mrs. L. Jones. A party of eight sang a hymn. Mrs. Mitchell gave a short address, and Mrs. Wright gave a recitation. The president, Miss Edna E. Jones thanked all. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Christmas Play at Fochriw The Sunday School of St. Mary the Virgin, Fochriw, performed a Christmas play, “The Brightest Star” on Sunday evening at the Church. Taking part were: Allison Watkins, Sandra Buckler, Jenny Davy, Maria Gelatine, Marilyn Jones, Jeanette Morris, Rosemary Rees, Jane Sedgemore, Linda Southworth, Kathleen Tancock, Charles

Titcombe. Mary was played by Janice Lawrence; Joseph by Gloria Dummett; Angel Gabriel by Avril Small. Also, Susan Bills, Sandra Davy, An Marie Evans, Gaynor Harding, Jennifer Jones, Verna Jones, Lynn Martin, Avril Morgan, Corinne Morgan, June Palmer, Nanette Taylor, Christine Tyler, Irene Vaughan and Colleen Williams were angels; Royston Buckler, Peter Price and David Price were Kings; and Russell Cartmel, Paul Hopkins, Darryl Jenkins, Howard Jenkins, Paul Jenkins, David Jones and Tony Martin were Shepherds; Children of other Nations were Glenda Chapman, Betty Galatine, Jacqueline Jenkins, Robert Morgan, Ann Sedgemore, Mary Sedgemore, Olive Titcombe. The producers were Miss L. Rees. Miss B. Fox, and Mr. N. Palmer. The organist was Mr. N. Palmer. Effects: Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. B. Rees, Mr. A. Palmer. Before the play a shortened service was conducted by the Vicar.